

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 9, 2024**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Peter Wilson

**PRESENT:** Temple, Darcy, Cox, Hiner, & Smith

**ABSENT:** Donnalley and Beech

The regular meeting on April 9, 2024, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Sonny Reynolds, Mr. Reynolds portrayed Johnny Appleseed for many years, a prayer followed than the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MARCH 26, 2024**

Hiner made the motion to approve the minutes from the 3/26/24 regular meeting.

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$9,242.53 and payroll for PPE 3/30/24 in the amount of \$59,003.83

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**GUEST (S):**

There were no guest present at this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RE: NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

Larry Taylor, Trebel Energy, was present to discuss the natural gas aggregation. He began with reporting to council the electric aggregation is going well for residents in the village. In the first 2 months of the program the total savings is \$44,277.59. Mr. Taylor explained the rate is low at the moment a \$1.57 therefore the supplies will not lock into rates at this time. Trebel suggestion is the village enter into the Master Service Agreement which will give residents a 2% discount on the add on rate by Columbia Gas. It was explained the add on rate is above the rate for the actual natural gas, this is a variable fee by Columbia Gas, because it is not on the rate there will not be a substantial savings to residents, but it will be something. If the village does enter into this type of aggregation when the rates increase it will be a simple change to enter the aggregation on the fixed rate, Mr. Taylor believes it would be in the 30 day range where if the village were not in this master agreement, it could be in the 60-90 day range for the price to take effect. The current add on rate was not given during the meeting. Council President Hiner stated she was cautious about entering into a variable rate aggregation. Council man Cox ask the process, letters would be sent just as in the electric program to eligible residents, the natural gas is an opt in just as the electric, there would be no fees to enter or leave the program.

Temple made the motion to enter the natural gas aggregation program with the 2% discount on the add on rate.

Hiner 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**RE: LISBON VOLLEYBALL REQUEST**

Coach Blackburn was present to provide, and explanation of her request presented at the last meeting. She is requesting the use of the sand volleyball courts the first two weeks of July, the school gymnasium will be closed for annual maintenance. She is asking when the nets are set for the summer, they be set to OSHA regulation height of 7' 6". Council stated they do not have an issue with the use of the courts, Coach Blackburn said if someone else is there the team and those there could play together.

She then ask for approval to for use of the pool every Thursday in the month of June from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, unless there is a pool party scheduled, for the team to exercise in after practice. She is requesting the cost be only the rate of pay for the lifeguard on duty for that period. Lifeguard wages are based on the seasonal wage as per the payroll ordinance, each lifeguard has a different wage, the cost of the lifeguard would be paid to the village not the lifeguard directly.

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Cox made the motion on both requests as presented.  
Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

#### **RE: ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS RECYCLING**

Greenboard IT, Warran OH, was present to discuss the program and give a history on the company. The process of the recycling and steps their company go through were explained, there is data security offered. The electronics are swept of all data when turned in than verified by a third party company there were swept as stated. There is a yearly audit for the ISO ratings of Greenboard IT which certifies the process was done as outlined. Greenboard IT, does not export any electronic devices recycled, their focus is on sustainability. Council man Darcy ask if the village would have this is it only open to village residents, if the village were paying the cost associated with certain electronics it could be, however if the cost is passed onto the individual with the central location of Lisbon, they suggest it be open to anyone. All electronics are accepted except for medical, kitchen or anything with freon. There is a cost for CRT's, TV's and printers, the cost depends on the size of each. All other electronics are free of charge with no limit on how many you can bring. Greenboard IT would market the event typically the events are on Saturday for 2 – 3 hours, once approved they like to market for 3-4 weeks. If this were approved tonight the first availability would be late June or early July. The exact date would be set later.

Hiner made the motion to move forward with and electrical product recycle by Greenboard IT  
Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

#### **RE: GRANT ST BRIDGE UPDATE**

A copy of the bid results from ODOT were presented to council in their packets. ODOT representative Dan Lorenz in his email explained there was only one bidder on the project, the state estimate for the project was \$2,820,000.00 the opened bid was \$2,888,602.11 or 2.43% higher than the state estimate. Marucci and Gaffney Excavating Co was the only bidder. Mr. Lorenz in his email explained that if this were not approved it would move the project from FY 2024 to FY 2025, if this were to be the case the 1 million in PROTECT funds received for the project may no longer be available. Based on this information Mr. Lorenz strongly recommends awarding this project. If approved the village would owe an additional \$14,860.00 due to local match percentage base on project cost. Mayor Wilson stated Mr. Lorenz would need to know if the village is awarding by 11:00 am Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Council President Hiner stated the Village is to far into this project to not move forward and take the chance of losing what funding is in place. She did say priorities need to be made and only the projects currently that have been discussed is all that should be done until these projects are completed. The village is allocating a lot of money in a brief time, referencing

how the general fund had an unencumbered balance of over \$600,000.00 and now only three months into the year the unencumbered balance is just over \$480,000.00, Fiscal Officer Wonner agreed this would be a good.

Hiner made the motion to approve moving forward with the Grant St Bridge project accepting the bid from Marucci and Gaffney Excavating Co in the amount of \$2,888,602.11 and contributing the additional \$14,860.00 from the general fund.

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

**RE: 2024 CDBG APPLICATION**

Council was given in their packets and updated cost estimate to pave E. Washington St from Howells and Baird, the new estimate is \$217,785.00 up from the last estimate by over \$50,000.00. Mayor Wilson's opinion is if the village wants to be competitive in this application process the village should contribute \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00 saying the \$35,000.00 is his preference. Dale Hood from the audience said paving E Washington is nice however this will cause the speeding issue to be even worse saying people drive 70 mph past his house. Council women Temple stated you need to call the Police Chief about this, Mr. Hood said he has. When ask what the response was Mr. Hood said he was told they do not have the manpower to be there. Council President Hiner feels the \$30,000.00 match using American Rescue Plan monies as discussed at previous meetings is a good match, Mr. Wilson would like more suggesting that some machinery that has not been used in years at the street department could be sold and changing how leaf collection is done each year. The mayor feels the current way of using the leaf machine is not cost efficient by going to bags like other municipalities around us he feels the street department could save \$20,000.00. When ask what machinery, he said the durapatcher that was bought for over \$60,000.00 and not used in at least 3 years could be sold for a minimum of \$40,000.00. Council President Hiner ask why this machine was not being used, the mayor said he did not know. When ask Mr. Oliver said the durapatcher is not cost effective, citing he has to drive to by emulsion and slag this can be a 2 hour round trip with no traffic. He believes blacktop is more effective last longer and easier to do, the durapatcher takes at a minimum 3 people to operate.

Hiner made the motion to apply for the CDBG grant with a \$30,000.00 match using ARPA monies.

Darcy 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

**RE: WILLOW GROVE PARK CONSERVATION EASEMENT UPDATE**

Mayor Wilson reported he would like to invite the Western Reserve Consortium to the May 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting, according to the mayor WRC is still interested in doing a conservation easement at Willow Grove. They now are interested in the entire park not just the 19 acres as previously.

**RE: SINGLE TRASH HAULER COMPANY UPDATE**

Mayor Wilson reported to council he is still wanting a single trash hauler in the village; he believes not only will this save residents money on trash collection it will be better for the streets in town. He has spoken with Leetonia's Mayor who is also wanting a single trash hauler in Leetonia. Mr. Wilson believes that there is a chance of a better rate if the villages work together.

**RE: SPRUCE ST DRAINAGE**

Street Foreman Oliver reported to council he is working on 2 separate quotes for the drainage issue on Spruce St, the one is Spruce only from N Market St to Jefferson, his estimate on this portion is \$6,300.00. The other extends the project up Jefferson St, the estimate is \$21,000.00. Mr. Oliver said the pipe on Spruce is only an 8 inch pipe. Council man Cox stated he went up during the heavy rain, the ditch was full but after the rain stopped the water level had decreased.

The street committee decided to set a meeting for Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RE: THE MOVING VETERAN WALL**

Bill Hoover reported he received a message from Sharon Cope, they are coordinating an event with a 911 program in September of 2025 where the moving wall will be in Lisbon. He will keep council informed when he has more information.

### **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

The following financial reports were submitted to council: the March bank reconciliation, March month end fund summary, appropriation and revenue summary reports and the most recent April month end fund summary. All vouchers were presented prior to the meeting for review and signatures. Ms. Wonner reported the March 5% income tax monthly transfer was \$7,196.59 plus the additional \$7,500.00.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The street department report was distributed to council in their packets. Council woman Temple stated she had seen on the report for the back hoe the back tires were getting bald, she ask if they needed replaced. Mr. Oliver said they were not in need of replacement at this time. Council man Cox distributed to council a quote from GW Dailey Excavating in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the work on the lot at the street garage. The department has dug a trench for the time being to divert the water away from the garage.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Council man Cox reported the fire committee of a village and township representatives had a meeting at the station. The committee discussed the request to increase the roster to 30, no one had any issues with the increase. The upcoming service agreement renewal was discussed, the current agreement expires in December of this year. The committee is not recommending any changes at this time. Mr. Cox stated that while at the station they noticed Engine 151 had a puddle of oil under, the mechanic is going to look at this. The worse case scenario is the truck could be out of service 7-14 days.

### **PARKS COMMITTEE**

Sr Plant Operator Peterson requested the pool be filled by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. This would allow time for the pump to be assessed and any needed repairs to be made prior to the Memorial Day weekend opening.

### **BPA REPORT**

Bill Hoover, BPA Chairman reported the booster pump for the NE Pressure project will be located behind the Port Authority building, the new line is now installed past Buckeye Fabricating on SR 45. The remaining property owners have been contacted regarding the needed easements; the current easements have all been filed with the county. The department is beginning the process of the EPA mandated lead line abatement survey, there could be streets in town that will need to be dug up for lead jumpers, Mr. Peterson is working with the street department. Council man Cox mentioned the side walk on the east side of Market St across from Dunkin Donut there is an area that is sinking. This area is where the sewer line was replaced a few years ago, it is thought the dirt below has collapsed. This will be discussed at the street committee meeting.

### **ZONING APPLICATIONS**

The most current zoning applications were distributed to council in their packets.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Farmers Market will begin on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber is having their cookie crawl and Coal County Roubaix will have their gravel road bicycle race on this day.

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the April 9, 2024, meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Mayor Peter Wilson

**ATTEST:**

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Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer